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CONDUCT OF OFFICERS AND PASSENGERS OF THE TITANIC A TRIUMPH FOR THE CIVILIZATION OF THESE MODERN DAYS

SURVIVORS ARE SERVICES FOR LAST ACT WAS TO ISMAY TRIED TO PROVIDED FOR TITANIC'S DEAD ATTEMPT A AVOID THE AMPLY DEAD RESCUE SENATE

RELIEF FUNDS FOR AID OF SHIP-
WRECKED PEOPLE AMOUNT
TO MANY THOUSANDS.

THROUGHOUT THE LAND SUN-
DAY WILL BE HALLOWED TO
THEIR MEMORY

CAPTAIN SMITH LEAPED FROM
BRIDGE WITH CHILD IN
HIS EMBRACE.

HEAD OF WHITE STAR LINE HAD
PLANNED TO RETURN
QUICKLY TO EUROPE.

GIVE NEWCOMERS ASSISTANCE

NEW YORK IN THE LEAD

WHEN THE SHIP WAS SINKING

MESSAGE WAS INTERCEPTED

PENILESS FOREIGNERS OF THE
STEERAGE GIVEN PLACES
OF SHELTER.

MONSTER CATHEDRAL WILL BE
WHOLLY FILLED WITH REV-
ERENT SYMPATHIZERS

TOP DECK WAS AWASH BEFORE
THE GALLANT COMMANDER
PLUNGED INTO SEA.

COMMITTEE LEARNED OF PLAN
AND CAUGHT HIM AT
THE DOCK.

STEAMSHIP ROUTES CHANGED

MUSICIANS HONOR COLLEAGUES

TEARS WERE IN HIS EYES

GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED

IN THE FUTURE THE BIG LINERS
WILL TAKE MORE SOUTH-
EASTLY COURSE.

MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN
MANY STATES WILL HOLD
MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LAST MAN WHO SAW THE OF-
FICER DECLARED HE WEPT
FOR HIS VESSEL.

UPPER BRANCH OF CONGRES-
S RECOMMENDS MORE STRIN-
GENT SEA LAWS.

New York, April 20.—Nearly a week has passed since the Titanic, greatest marine achievement in the history of the world, sank in mid-ocean. Much of her story still is untold, and many a day will pass before the world will fully comprehend the significance of the disaster.

The number of dead probably never will be exactly determined, inasmuch as the complete passenger list went down with the vessel. The number of survivors is fixed at 705 by the report of Captain Rostron of the Carpathia. The White Star line of officials believe the death list totaled approximately 1,635.

The narratives gathered piecemeal from the liner's survivors, pay a tribute without precedent to the bravery of the men and women of these modern days, a bravery of impulse, unstudied, unassuming and instinctive alike in steerage passenger, stoker and millionaire.

By common consent the churches of the world will set aside their pulpits tomorrow for a reverent consideration of the disaster and for mourning for the lost.

As to the needs of the living, ample provision is rapidly being made. The relief funds being gathered in New York and London already total well up in the hundreds of thousands. Most of the steerage passengers who reached New York distraught and penniless have already come to realize the generosity and hospitality of America. Clad, fed and housed, they will be given ample time to recover from the shock of their experience and will start their life in the new world with ample funds and kindly advice of excellent counselors.

The most complete story of the Titanic's fate yet obtained is being rapidly gathered in New York by the members of the senate investigating committee. The committee has already listened to the testimony of J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star line; Captain Rostron of the Carpathia; Charles W. Lightholder, second officer of the Titanic, and others.

The witnesses called for today's session included H. J. Pittman, third officer of the Titanic; J. G. Roxhall, fourth officer; G. Lowe, also in an official position on the Titanic, and fifteen of the crew. The committee has the assistance of George Uhler, chief of the United States steamboat inspection service and Truman H. Newberry, who was secretary of the navy under Theodore Roosevelt.

The burden of testimony presented emphasizes the unquestioning faith of the Titanic's officers in her unshakable character, the recklessness of steaming full speed through a sea where dangerous icebergs were

New York, April 20.—The Titanic disaster will be the theme of sermons in hundreds of churches throughout the United States tomorrow. In New York the principal memorial services will be held in the magnificent new cathedral of St. John the Divine. Bishop Greer, head of the Episcopal diocese of New York, will officiate.

At Old Trinity church a similar memorial service will be held. Trinity is to be the scene on Tuesday next of an official memorial service under the auspices of the British consul general and St. George's society. The musical program in most of the New York churches tomorrow will reflect the feeling of sorrow and grief over the greatest marine disaster of history. The hymns "Nearer my God to Thee" and "Guide Me, Thou Great Jehovah," played by the Titanic's band just before the boat sank, will have prominent place. Requiem music and such numbers as Gounod's "Messe Solennelle," Chopin's "Funeral March" and Handel's "Dead March" will be heard in many churches.

Musicians Honor Dead Colleagues

Orchestral and other music organizations throughout the United States will hold meetings during the next few days to pay their tribute to the bravery of the musicians of the Titanic's band, who went to their death playing "Nearer my God to Thee."

On behalf of the New York Symphony Orchestra, Frank Damrosch today made public the following statement:

"In the terrible Titanic disaster in which so many deeds of heroism were enacted it may seem invidious to single out one group of men from among many, but to musicians it must ever be a high gratification that the band of the Titanic stuck to its post on the deck of the sinking ship, playing cheering music. Those brave band men must have helped not a little in allaying panic in preserving order and in keeping up the spirits of the doomed passengers and crew.

"They had no idea of leaving overboard with life belts. They felt that only music could soothe the despair of the hundreds who were about to be separated forever from all they held dear."

OTERO IS APPOINTED

Washington, April 20.—Nominations sent to the senate today by President Taft included Manuel B. Otero, collector of internal revenue for New Mexico.

HIGHER RATES SUSPENDED

Washington, April 20.—Increases in the transportation rates on cattle from southwestern points to Kansas City, Chicago and other great cattle markets, varying from one cent to five cents a hundred pounds, today were suspended by the interstate commerce commission from April 25 to August 31.

New York, April 20.—Taking refuge on the bridge of the ill-fated Titanic, two little children remained by the side of Captain Smith until that portion of the big ship had been swept under water. Survivors of the crew who went down with the Titanic, but were saved by clinging to an overturned life boat, today told of their gallant commander's effort to save the life of one of the children. He died a sailor's death and the little girl who had entrusted her life to his care died with him.

"He held the little girl under one arm," said James McGann, a fireman, "as he jumped into the sea and endeavored to reach the nearest life boat with the child. I took the other child into my arms as I was swept from the bridge deck. When I was plunged into the cold water I was compelled to release my hold on the child and I am satisfied that the same thing happened to Captain Smith."

"I had gone to the bridge deck to assist in lowering a collapsible boat. The water was then coming over the bridge and we were unable to launch it properly. It was overturned and was used as a life raft, some 30 or more of us, mostly firemen, clinging to it. Captain Smith looked as if he was trying to keep back the tears as he thought of the doomed ship."

"He turned to the men lowering the boat and shouted, 'Well, boys, it's every man for himself.' He then took one of the children standing by him on the bridge and jumped into the sea. He endeavored to reach the overturned boat but did not succeed. That was the last I saw of Captain Smith."

McGann said Captain Smith from the bridge directed the lowering of the life boats. He said the story that Captain Smith had committed suicide as the Titanic went down is untrue.

AMERICANS IN PRISON

Washington, April 20.—Demands have been made on the rebel authorities at Chihuahua by American Consul Letcher for the immediate release of two Americans imprisoned there. The men have been in confinement since March 16, but the American officials have just learned of their plight. Their names were not given.

EXPRESS OFFICE ROBBED

Grand Junction, Colo., April 20.—Two masked robbers secured \$14,000 in currency from the depot office of the Globe Express company here shortly before midnight and gained two hours start of officers and a posse of men armed with rifles and shotguns.

The money was consigned from the Salt Lake City office of the Globe Express company to the Somerset Mining camp at Somerset, Colo., the sum being the mining company's payroll.

Washington, April 20.—The United States senate today adopted the amended Martine resolution looking to a more complete international regulation of ocean traffic. The resolution advises the president that the senate would favor treaties with the great maritime powers to govern the courses, speed, life saving apparatus, wireless, and other equipment of ocean liners.

Frankfurt Might Have Aided

New York, April 20.—Appearing before the senate Titanic investigating committee in a wheel chair, Harold Bride, assistant wireless operator of the ill-fated ship, who was disabled in the rescue, testified today that although the North German Lloyd liner Frankfurt was 20 miles nearer the Titanic than the Carpathia, no effort was made to give her news of the Titanic's sinking condition.

Bride testified that Phillips, the chief wireless operator, told the Frankfurt wireless man he was a fool and had better keep out. The Frankfurt, he said, was first to answer the Titanic's signal of distress. The reason no details were given the German ship, Bride said, was that they believed her operator could not understand.

Bride also testified to having received warning of icebergs in the vicinity and to having delivered them to his superior officers, one to Captain Smith himself.

His Plan Failed

Explanation of why Senator Smith of Michigan, chairman of the senate committee named to investigate the Titanic disaster, hurried to New York, Thursday night to begin the inquiry was made today when it became known that a wireless message sent by J. Bruce Ismay, president of the International Mercantile Marine company to Vice President Franklin of the White Star line asking that the Cedrie be stopped to take Mr. Ismay and the survivors of the Titanic crew on board, was intercepted by a government boat sent to Washington.

Senator Smith is quoted today as saying he had understood in Washington that such messages had been exchanged and that this was one of the reasons the investigation had been started without any loss of time.

J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star line is to be called before the senate investigation committee now delving into the facts surrounding the wreck of the Titanic. He probably will be summoned to testify in rebuttal before the day's testimony is over, according to Senator Smith of Michigan, chairman of the committee, who acknowledged this morning that it was the intention of the committee to have the White Star line's chief executive explain the sev-

eral points that no wapper to be in dispute between witnesses.

Ismay Begs for Time

Although Mr. Ismay urged the committee to permit him to go for the present, pleading that he was on the verge of a nervous collapse by reason of his experience, his request was not granted. There will remain as witnesses four officers and 12 members of the crew and they will be heard as quickly as possible. The indications are that the inquiry will not be completed before the middle of next week.

Just before the senate committee investigating the Titanic disaster met an invalid chair was wheeled into the committee room. It was Harold Bride, the assistant wireless operator on the Titanic, whose feet were wrenched and badly injured when he was crushed on the life raft that picked him up. He was sallow and hollow-cheeked and lay propped up with pillows, awaiting his call to the witness chair.

Immediately behind Bride came J. Bruce Ismay, president of the International Mercantile Marine, and P. S. Franklin, vice president of the organization. Mr. Ismay announced before the inquiry began that he had given instructions to all the lines of the International Mercantile Marine, which include the White Star, the American, the Red Star, the Lapland, the Atlantic Transport and the Dominion lines, to equip all steamers with sufficient boats and raft boats for passengers and every man of the crew without regard to government regulations.

The first witness was Thomas Cottam, the wireless operator on the Carpathia, who was recalled to the stand. Senator Smith sought to clear up the messages that had passed between the Carpathia and the Titanic.

"What was the last message sent to the Titanic?" asked Senator Smith. "We sent word to have its lifeboats ready," said the witness, "that our lifeboats were ready and that we were steaming to them as fast as we could."

Senator Smith asked questions to discover whether any official had sought to keep back news of the disaster.

"Did you send any message that all the passengers had been saved or that the Titanic was being towed to Halifax?"

"No sir."

"Nor anything like it?"

"No sir."

"Did you know such reports were being published to the world?"

"No sir."

"If the White Star line sent a message Monday reading: 'Representative J. H. Hughes, Huntington, W. Va.: Titanic proceeding to Halifax. Passengers probably will land there Wednesday. All safe.' they did not obtain the information on what that is based from you?"

"No."

"Nor do you know that it obtained it from any other operator on the Carpathia?"

"No."

Senator Smith asked the witness if he had received any message from the time the Carpathia left the scene of the disaster until it reached New York.

"No, sir," asked Cottam. "I reported the entire matter myself to the steamship Baltic at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning. I told them we had been to the wreck and had picked up as many of the passengers as we could."

Cottam repeated his testimony of yesterday and said he had been with the ship throughout Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and until late Wednesday afternoon. Senator Smith sought to have the witness designate the exact hour when he was relieved by Operator Bride, who had been taken aboard the Carpathia from the Titanic.

"I don't know, sir," said Cottam in explanation. "I was up continuously and I lost track of the hours and days. I had from eight to ten hours sleep from the time we left the wreck until we arrived in New York."

"Did Bride do any sending in that time?" Senator Smith asked.

"Yes, sir. He sent the list of the third class passengers to the cruiser Chester."

"Any other message?"

"Several. I don't remember what they were. The records are on the Carpathia."

"Did you or Bride send any message

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RIVER'S TOLL IS TWO HUNDRED LIVES

MISSISSIPPI DROWNS LARGE
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN BOLIVAR
COUNTY, MISS.

FLOOD CONDITIONS DANGEROUS

SEVERAL CITIES ARE EXPECTED
TO BE INUNDATED AT ANY
TIME

REFUGEES GATHER IN CAMPS

FOOD AND SHELTER ARE BEING
PROVIDED AS RAPIDLY AS OF-
FICERS CAN WORK

Jackson, Miss., April 20.—Reports reached here today that 200 persons have been drowned in Bolivar county, Mississippi, by the flood that swept through that section when the river dikes broke near Benah. Bolivar county is covered with water and efforts to verify the reports are meeting with many obstacles. The reports declare many white persons were swept away by the deluge. Governor Brewer was advised there are 6,000 refugees in camp at Cleveland and that the food supply will last less than 24 hours.

Fifteen People Drowned

Greenville, Miss., April 20.—Fifteen persons are known to have been drowned last night near Benoit, in the flood that came from the levee break between Benoit and Benah, Mississippi. The loss of life in the Delta, it is believed, will reach 200.

Town Under 10 Feet of Water

Tallulah, La., April 20.—Water from the Dog Tail crevasse in the Mississippi river continued to rise here today. The town is inundated from two to ten feet deep. An appeal has been made to the relief committee at New Orleans for motor boats to be used in carrying relief to those marooned in Madison Parish.

Rosedale Is Threatened

Rosedale, Miss., April 20.—Rescue work continued today with an increased force of workers, boats going further inland and bringing out many residents who were marooned by the break in the Mississippi river bank at Benah. The crevasse now is more than 2,000 feet wide with the ends still carving. The water rapidly is approaching this place.

Water Advancing On Benoit

Greenville, Miss., April 20.—The levee at Niblett, four miles south of Benah, Miss., gave way this afternoon, just before the wires to Benoit went down, a telegraph operator on duty there said. Panic prevails among the inhabitants. Benoit is directly in the path of the flood from this newest break.

Result in Oregon

Portland, Ore., April 20.—Under the presidential preference primaries held yesterday Theodore Roosevelt is the choice of the republican voters of Oregon. He carried two-thirds of the counties of the state. Senator Robert M. LaFollette carried Multnomah county, where one-fourth of the population of the state is located. President Taft carried but 19 of the 34 counties, running a poor third in Multnomah.

Under the Oregon system, the 10 delegates sent to the republican national convention at Chicago are instructed to vote for Roosevelt. Thomas McCusker, LaFollette's campaign manager in Oregon, leads the ticket among the candidates for delegate. It was in the "cow counties" of Oregon that Roosevelt made his strongest run with LaFollette second. Through the thickly populated Willamette valley district Roosevelt also led.

In Portland where the labor vote is strong, LaFollette was the choice. LaFollette's visit to Portland Tuesday night, when he addressed an immense audience, is considered to have given him Multnomah county. Wherever he spoke during his five

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TODAY IN CONGRESS.

Washington, April 20.—Senate in session 2 p. m.

Foreign relations committee agreed to recommend adoption of amended Martine resolution for international cooperation in regulation of ocean traffic.

House: Met at noon.

Considered Henry bill extending campaign publicity laws to presidential candidates.

SHORTAGE IN TREASURY

Santa Fe, N. M., April 20.—The board of county commissioners and district attorney of Dona Ana county are in conference here today with Governor McDonald and Attorney General F. W. Clancy in regard to an alleged shortage in the office of the county treasurer. The shortage, it is said, amounts to \$10,000. It is said to have occurred during the term of Oscar Lohman, the former treasurer. It is declared that a demand upon Mr. Lohman's bondsmen for this amount will be made.

THE FORMER PRESIDENT IS EN-
DORSED BY OREGON AND
NEBRASKA.

CLARK GETS A BIG VOTE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE IS THE
CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT OF
THE CORNSHUCKERS.

BOURNE GETS BAD DEFEAT

PROGRESSIVE SENATOR WILL BE
SUCCEEDED BY BENJAMIN
SELLING.

Omaha, Neb., April 20.—Colonel Roosevelt seems to have been the favorite of the republicans in the statewide presidential preference primary held in Nebraska yesterday, and indications are that Champ Clark was the choice of the democrats. It is believed that Roosevelt has carried every district and that progressive delegates have been selected both by districts and at large.

Due to the late closing of the polls, only about one-seventh of the vote, it is estimated, has been counted, but the returns received thus far are from so many different sections of the state that they are believed to show the general trend of the voting.

Supporters of Harmon practically abandoned hope at daybreak today when returns from Douglas county of the Second district, in which Omaha is located, showed that the Ohio governor's strength here had been greatly overestimated by them. Clark supporters were surprised greatly by his showing in the First district in which Mr. Bryan resides. That was thought to be for Wilson. There remains but little doubt that Clark has carried the First, Fourth, Fifth and probably the Sixth districts and the state at large. As in most precincts the heads of the tickets were counted first, there still is doubt as to the winners in the races for nominations to the lower offices. Early reports gave former Governor Ashton C. Shallenberger a lead over his three opponents for the democratic nomination for United States senator. The two republican aspirants for the senatorial nomination, Norris Brown and George W. Norris, insurgent leader of the last house, seemed to be running neck and neck.

Meager returns received on the gubernatorial nomination indicate that Chester H. Aldrich, the present incumbent, is leading Jesse S. Newton for the republican nomination. Richard L. Metcalfe and John H. Morehead, rival democratic candidates, showed about equal strength.

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